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AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT.
OLYMPIC (Broadway, near Walnut)—Minnie
Madison.
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and Fifth)—Rose Coghlan.
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A NEW DEPARTMENT.
The readers of the POST-DISPATCH are
asked to assist in introducing a new and
attractive feature.

Almost every human being has an aim
in life. Every well-regulated life is sus-
tained and inspired with a constant and
cherished hope—some fixed and steadfast
object of existence. This applies to all—
young, old, male and female.

The POST-DISPATCH is the people's pa-
per and defends their interests. With its
usual vigilant devotion to the welfare and
practical concerns of its readers, the paper
now asks their sympathetic assistance in
launching a novel scheme devised for their
instruction and entertainment.

The proposed new departure relates to
the object of life. We desire our readers
to write us short, pointed letters stating
what they most desire in life; what each
one feels and nurses as the chief thing
that makes life worth living, the supreme
desire of the heart. Let each reader write
us such a letter for publication and use a
nom de plume to be printed with the let-
ter. We make this request of all our
readers; but we make an especial appeal
to the young—the boys and girls—who
have the most of life before them and
who enjoy most vividly the inspira-
tions of hope.

This is a subject which will interest
many who never gave it much thought
before. Each person who is sustained
and animated with a fixed purpose in life
will take a natural interest in learning the
cherished purposes that cheer and direct
the lives of others.

Let the readers of the POST-DISPATCH
respond promptly and freely. Write short
letters and tell us what your main ambi-
tion is, what you most desire to accom-
plish, or to make of yourself. Let each
boy tell us what trade, or profession, or
business he wishes to follow, and give his
reason. If he has a higher ambition that
leads him to dream of preferment and dis-
tinction, he is asked to state it. Let each
girl tell frankly what she chiefly hopes for
in the life that lies before her, what she
would prefer to do and to do as a woman.

At stated intervals, as these letters ac-
cumulate in sufficient number, they will
be published in the POST-DISPATCH, clas-
sified under proper headings and arranged
so as to draw attention. Such letters can-
not fall to prove instructive and interest-
ing, and will be widely read and enjoyed.
It is hoped that the letters will be written
in a spirit of unreserved frankness and
candor, and the writers may be sure of
fair and just treatment.

We ask the numerous readers of the
POST-DISPATCH to give us prompt and
generous assistance in establishing our
proposed new Department. It will be
filled up exclusively with their com-
munications, and they should feel a pride
in sustaining it.

The disaster at the Orell mine at New-
burg, West Virginia, appeals to the pity
and sympathy of the whole world for the
victims and their widows and orphans.

The Republican attempt to make party
capital in Congress out of the Navy Yard

management has proved a dismal failure.
The less the Republicans stir up navy
questions the better for them.

When the opponents of eighteen-year
senatorships and dual bossism begin to
talk about such men as Judge Norton,
they begin to make an impression on the
public mind that they are in earnest.

That man Wiss handled the bloody
shirt beautifully in his little encounter
with the gentlemen from Maine, who
were howling about the transfer of Fed-
eral patronage from Union soldiers to
Confederates in Virginia. He put the
garment on them and made it stick to
them like the shirt of Nessus.

The reaction against the Government's
discrimination in favor of gold in Ger-
many has become so formidable that it
has wrung from Herr Schoritz, the Prus-
sian Finance Minister, a statement in the
Reichstag that he is not a fanatical par-
isan of the gold standard, but that the
Government must uphold the gold stand-
ard for the present, because the double
standard can be fixed only by interna-
tional adjustment.

THE BI-METALLISTS may not be able to
muster so large a crowd in England as in
Germany, but the meeting of their Inter-
national Monetary Standard Association
in London yesterday was presided over by
Mr. HENRY H. GIBBS, ex-Governor of the
Bank of England, and was addressed by
Mr. HENRY R. GREENGLASS, at present Gov-
ernor of the Bank of England, who ex-
pressed his confidence in the stability of
the Bland bill and said that bi-metallism
was of vital interest to trade and agri-
culture. These gentlemen are both ex-
pert financiers and live east of the Alle-
ghenies.

COCKRELL is hardly up to the dignity of
his high position in intellect and force,
but he can be beaten only by a bigger and
abler man than himself. He is a smooth,
inoffensive man, who keeps mum, avoids
the risks of leadership, and takes the most
watchful, not to say timid, care of him-
self in the manipulation of local politics,
patronage and garden seeds. When it
implies patronage, "possession is nine
points of law," and the vis inertia of a
man like COCKRELL is hard to overcome.
Even his very inertness and cautious dull-
ness passes under such circumstances for a
species of wholesome conservatism and
wisdom.

SENATOR PAYNE writes to the committee
appointed to investigate the Democratic
caucus which nominated him for Senator,
that he is willing to lay before them all
of his private correspondence and all
of his books of accounts. Senator PAYNE
seems to misunderstand the nature of the
investigation. Nobody accuses him of
having procured a single vote by paying
money for it, or by consenting to the use
of any corrupt means whatever by his
friends. The charge is that other people,
without his knowledge or consent, influ-
enced men to vote for him with gifts of
trotting horses and other "messengers of
strong prevalence."

THAT was a center shot which Mr. GLAD-
STONE fired at the howl about "maintain-
ing the unity of the Empire" when he re-
minded the howlers of the fact that the
unity aforesaid had not only been main-
tained during the eighty-five years since
the act of union had abolished the Irish
Parliament, but had been maintained be-
fore that, when there was an Irish Par-
liament, and for six hundred years before
the act of legislative union. This
historical fact is a complete answer to
those who confound Irish home rule with
secession, separation and the disintegra-
tion of the British Empire. Home rule
has made both Canada and Australia less
troublesome and more loyal to the Im-
perial Government. Why should it have
the opposite effect in Ireland?

If prohibition has been hampered by
any decision it was the decision of Judge
BREWER in the United States Court at To-
peka that did the business—not the tax
decision rendered by the United States
Supreme Court in the Michigan case. There
is nothing in the last-named de-
cision which conflicts with the prior de-
cision of the United States Supreme Court
holding that the police power of the State
is ample to prohibit and prevent the sale
of intoxicating liquors within the State,
whether the goods be imported or manu-
factured at home. In the Michigan case
the decision goes no further than to deny
the power of the State to exercise the ex-
clusive Federal power of regulating
commerce between the States, by levying
taxes which discriminate against the citi-
zens and products of other States, and
which therefore necessarily operate as a
regulation of interstate commerce.

SURELY Senators VEST and COCKRELL
must have misunderstood President
CLEVELAND. It is difficult to believe that
the President was willing to "shoulder
public opinion" in the case of LANCASTER,
and to give that Dark Lantern chief the
best office in Missouri in spite of all the
charges and court records exhibited
against him, but considered ex-Governor
CRITTENDEN too disreputable a man to
hold office under this Administration, no
matter how innocent he might be of the
charge that he hired the FORD boys to
murder JAMES JAMES. It seems, however,
that the two Senators were so busy pro-
viding for henchmen, relatives, prohibi-
tionists and peddlers of party nominations
that they forgot all about CRITTENDEN,
until Missouri's claims had been exhausted
and there was no place left for her which
her ex-Governor would have. It appears

also that they had about worn themselves
out talking for other claimants, and took
now for an answer very readily in CRIT-
TENDEN'S case.

THE CHICAGO PARVALES.
It is well known that the best poetry pro-
duced in Chicago emanates from the Stock
Yards. This peculiarity of the city of fat
stock and lean intellects has induced
Puck to establish a department called
"The Stock Yards Poets," devoted to the
critical exegesis of the poetry of that city.
A community has some claim to literary
pre-eminence when it can be said that her
cattlemen and commission merchants
write better poetry than her most dis-
tinguished literary people, and this is the
proud boast of Chicago.

A commission merchant of the Lake
City, wishing to play a spider-and-fly
game on soft-headed and unsuspecting
customers, has published a circular,
printed in blue ink, bristling with leering
invitations, and couched in such alluring
rhymes as the following:

If you want to make money, it's wheat you
should buy;
If you ask for our reasons, we'll soon tell you
why.
It is now selling lower than it sold on the crop.
And has had, as you know, a full fifteen cent
drop.

This is worthy of EUGENE FIELD OF CARTER
HARRISON, and shows what a Chicago com-
mission merchant can do when he spite on
his hand and backs his ears. The above
stanza has nine kinds of feet, which shows
the versatility of the writer. The other
stanzas, relating to bulls and bears, are so
overloaded with local dialect that they are
hardly intelligible.

SAMUEL JOHNSON remarked of the dan-
cing bear that the wonder was, not that he
danced so badly, but that he danced at all.
In the same way we may remark of the
poet that he rhymes so badly, but that he
rhymes at all. In Chicago, however,
the muse of options, though an amateur,
takes rank with the professional.

A recent number of the Chicago Tribune
contained a very touching sentimental
poem entitled, "What Shall I Give Her?"
by one STANLEY WATERLOO, a professional
poet. There is reason to believe that there
is a great deal of poetry in the writer be-
cause he lets so little of it out, and this
production justifies the belief. It is a
tear-compelling rhapsody, but is too pro-
foundly enigmatical for practical pur-
poses. When a poet asks, in all serious-
ness, "What Shall I Give Her?" the
proper answer should be something like
this: "The proper thing to give her de-
pends a great deal on the nature and vi-
olence of her complaint. Quinine, blue-
mass, ginger, Turkish baths and chicken
teas are all good if administered at the
right time; but if the patient is very sick
it would be best to call in a physician."

When such poetry is so universally un-
derstood in Chicago, it is only natural that
its influence should radiate like a Bridge-
port aroma, and even in St. Louis we hear
the voice of the Chicago poet. During the
past week a comedian has been repeating
at St. Louis theater a stanza which he
stole from the album of a Chicago beauty,
where it had been written over the signa-
ture "E. F." It runs as follows:

The rose is red,
The coal is black;
If your trousers are too big,
Just pull in the slack.

The punctuation in the above is ours;
but the poetry and sentiment are Chicago's.
A thorough and critical study of
Chicago poetry ought to convince any one
that she is entitled to a flourishing and
popular Pat Stock show.

THE California railroad-tax case which
is now coming up in the United States
Supreme Court, and in which Senators
EDMONDS and EVARTS are retained to ap-
pear for the railroad-tax dodgers, is the
Santa Clara case, appealed by the State
from the United States Circuit Court,
where Mr. Justice FIELD gave judgment
for the railroad on grounds the opposite of
those on which the Supreme Court in a
Kentucky case recently gave judgment
against a railroad with its concurrence.
How the Court can sustain Justice FIELD's
decision in the California case without re-
versing its own decision in the Kentucky
case is more than a layman can tell.
Judge FIELD decided that the Constitu-
tion and laws of California were violated by reason
of conflict with the Fourteenth Amend-
ment, so far as they provided for methods
of assessment and taxation discriminating
between individual owners and corporate
owners. On the strength of this decision
a Kentucky railroad resisted the payment
of a tax levied under a similarly dis-
criminating Kentucky law, and the Su-
preme Court, Justice FIELD concurring,
held the law valid. There may be some
other point hidden in the Santa Clara case,
to explain why it, of all the numerous
California tax cases, is made the test case.
When the San Mateo case was called, a
month or so ago, the Supreme Court was
informed that the railroad, ignoring the
decision of the Circuit Court in its favor,
had paid San Mateo County its claims in
full, including interest, penalties and
costs. Chief Justice WAYTE then advanced
the Santa Clara case and set it for hearing
on the 18th of this month. The tax claims
involved amount to several millions of
dollars, and besides the "influence" they
can bring to bear, STANFORD and HUN-
TINGTON can afford to pay EDMONDS and
EVARTS princely fees for winning such a
case.

JUDGE BREWER, in the United States
Court at Topeka, has decided that the en-
forcement of the prohibition laws of Kan-
sas involves such a question of conflict
with the provisions of the Fourteenth
Amendment as to entitle a defendant

brewer to a hearing in the United States
Court. Judge BREWER concedes the power
of the State to prohibit the manufacture
or sale of liquors, and that the man who
invests his money in such business after it
has been prohibited must do so at his own
risk and loss. But the question whether
a prohibition that takes away from him
the use and value of property previously
recognized and protected by law does not
amount to deprivation of property with-
out due process of law, or a taking of pri-
vate property for public use without
due process and without compensa-
tion, is a question of which the Four-
teenth Amendment confers jurisdiction
upon the Federal Courts. Judge BREWER's
decision that a State must pay a man for
his brewery before depriving him of its
use, is foreshadowed clearly in his de-
cision on the question of jurisdiction, and
that very important question is on the
high road to a final decision by the United
States Supreme Court. The Fifth Amend-
ment, providing that no person shall be
deprived of life, liberty or property with-
out due process of law, and that private
property shall not be taken for public use
without just compensation, applies only
to United States laws and proceedings.
But all the States have similar provisions
in their Constitutions, and the Fourteenth
Amendment fortifies them with a supple-
mentary restriction upon the scope of
State legislation.

Ex-Governor CRITTENDEN could answer
all other censures of his administration as
easily and satisfactorily as he can dispose
of the charge that he sent the FORD boys
to kill JAMES JAMES. Mr. CLEVELAND would
have no excuse whatever for rating him
below Dark Lantern DICK in reputation.
There are plenty of living witnesses who
can testify that the officers who sent Bos
FORD to find out where JAMES JAMES was
had no idea that the boy would kill the
desperado instead of telegraphing to the
authorities. They had a special train ready
and were waiting for the signal to start
when the news of the killing came. They
were prepared to surround JAMES's hiding-
place with force sufficient to capture him.
Either because he wished to pocket all the
reward himself or because he was afraid
he would lose his own life in attempting
to carry out his agreement with the
officers, Bos FORD disappointed them by
making a corpse of the hunted man with-
out their assistance.

The size of the word "if" can easily be
estimated by comparing the sentiments of
contempt which Germany must feel for
this country with those of very different
sentiments she would entertain were
JAMES G. BLAINE at the head of the
American Government. [New York
Tribune.] The above remark of the Tri-
bune about the word "if" shows that Mr.
BLAINE suits well enough as a hypothetical
President and vindicates the wisdom of
the people in reserving him for that kind
of a position. His well-known "tail
twisting" propensities are harmless as
embellishments for a magnetic candidate,
but they would be unbecoming in an actual
President.

JUDGE NORTON'S withdrawal would
lower the average of our Supreme Court
bench immensely, and on it he has been
worn more to the State than both of our
Senators. But there is no other man in
the State whose long established reputa-
tion and whose eminent service in Con-
gress and on the bench could put him so
far forward in the race for Senator.
COCKRELL and VEST have warily put him
down on their slate for Governor in 1888,
but it is by no means certain that he can
be pressed into anything like a contest for
either Governor or Senator.

MR. BLAINE is trying to cast an anchor
to windward by posing as a silver man,
but the thought comes too late to do good
and the anchor will hardly perform its
work. It is stated that in the second
volume of his history he will take ad-
vanced ground in favor of the continued
colony of silver. Mr. BLAINE'S views on
this question may be interesting, but,
just at present, they are irrelevant.

MISS GUNNEY, the new Boston poetess,
is much delighted with her first lay.

The prohibitionists should have had a dele-
gation at the Waterways Convention.

THE supposition that silver cologne will be
suspended is a sort of nebular hypothesis.

SENATOR HANFORD'S side whiskers are the
only symptoms of Anglonia in Congress.

GEN. SHERMAN is really iconoclastic in his
harsh description of the cherished cowboy.

JAPAN is exhibiting her rapid progress in
civilization by trying to negotiate a big loan.

MR. BRADLAUGH may find that there is often
but a short step from persecution to obscu-
rity.

THE Philadelphia News calls her "MOLLY
ANDERSON." The paths of glory have some
rough places.

THE Chicago people are complaining about
the stage, but they manage to worry along
with their politics.

If we fall to have a mint established in St.
Louis, perhaps the Colonels would be assisted
with a mint patch.

THE country produced nearly 3,000,000
bushels of corn. This ought to give us plenty
of bread and a considerable sprinkling
of whiskey.

It will be hard to break up elopements as
long as eloping girls are willing to slide down
shingled roofs with a romantic contempt for
splinters.

SENATOR SHERMAN now stands solitary and
alone as the Senator who sat in the body when
the civil war began. [R. He is now al-
most solitary and alone as the Senator who is

still skeptical about the actual close of the
civil war.

THE Queen strongly favors an international
copyright law. Perhaps she wants to check
the extensive practical republication of her
books in America.

TAKEN is no sufficient reason for supposing
that LOAN wrote the Queen's speech. His
known hostility to the Queen's English would
discredit such a theory.

MR. WALDEN has been confirmed Post-
master at Fayette, Mo. His harsh reflections
on LOAN'S Spanish were not considered
positive disqualifications.

This dim and nebulous aspect of 1888 may
now be seen through the political telescope,
like a distant haystack gladdening the gaze of
a drowsy ass through an intervening mist.

It is now known that JULIAN HAWTHORNE
has never been in Philadelphia in his life, so there
is reason for believing that he has a broader
mental vision than the public has supposed.

The Chicago people are trying to perfect a
patent ballot-box to prevent frauds, but it
is an absolutely hopeless undertaking, and
in this case it is utterly paralyzed in all
the details of ordinary life, but she arranged,
advised and assisted him in his literary toils as
only a clever and talented woman can do. He
was in the habit of submitting all his MSS. to
her, and adding by her advice or decision.

LONDON is in trouble, inasmuch as she has
been unexpectedly presented by the Clerk of
the Weather with a white cloak. Possibly that
individual thought her dirt needed hiding, or
perhaps he did it out of malice prepense. At
all events it was done. A single fall of snow
does not strike the average American citizen
as an absolutely novel and marvellous event,
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propose to arm themselves and suppress dis-
loyalty in Ireland. This is encouraging, as
showing that English humor is not yet de-
clining.

For the benefit of genealogists, it may be
stated that LAW WALLACE is not a relative of the
famous BILLY WALLACE of Scotland, who was
not often caught playing a LAW-sing game
when leading his troops.

The Chicago Socialists want to know why
some of the inhabitants of that city sleep in
the tunnels. Perhaps it is to escape the
variegated smells above ground which have
given Chicago such extensive notoriety.

It is announced that a dead body has been
found in Nashville with the head off. If
such a calamity should ever befall Mr. EVARTS
it would be proper to announce that a head
had been found with the body cut off.

FOREIGN ECHOES.
WHAT is now required to pacify Upper Bur-
mah is the early announcement of some de-
finite policy for the future, followed by the
commencement of public works to employ the
starving population. Until the future Gov-
ernment is decided upon, the population will
remain in an excited and disturbed condition.
It is generally believed that it is undecided
whether there will be annexation or a pro-
tectorate. If the latter be established, the
new Burmese King will be a Prince only 6
years old, the son of the Myingoneke Prince.

The United Australian colonies appear to
be suffering from just the same trouble that
has been so long under discussion between
America and Canada, and in a minor degree
between the States which on that point are
not united. Since the boundaries of New
South Wales and Queensland have been de-
fined and marked out by frosts, a somewhat
unpleasant war of words has been going on
around the border lines. When a crime is
committed in one colony the perpetrators
amble gently through the posts and make
faces at the law in the person of the pursuing
officers. Particularly has there been trouble
with alleged joint stock companies. The Fed-
eral Council is taking steps to remedy this
state of things.

The Bishop of Liverpool, Dr. Ryle, is ad-
vocating reforms in a rather vigorous style,
and commending where charity is proverbially
credited with beginning, viz.: at home. He
urges reforms in the Episcopalate drastic
enough to cause most of his defunct brethren
to turn in their graves. "Bishops," he re-
marked, "ought not to sit in the House
of Lords, for I am unable to see that the
church derives much benefit from the
Bishops being temporal peers." He thinks
there is much truth in the complaint that
the Bishops are often present when they ought
to be absent, and absent when they ought to be
present. Dr. Ryle also thinks very rightly
that £2,000 a year and a house, is quite enough
for any Bishop, and that the power they pos-
sess (which he compares to that of a Roman
Dictator or a Russ too Great) is far too au-
cratic. Lastly he disapproves of the present
mode of appointing Bishops which he char-
acterizes as thoroughly bad. Good for Dr.
Ryle!

A low but distinct murmur of wrath is arising
from English Radical quarters over a modest
but emphatic hint from headquarters that the
Princess Christian (who has been sick) is too
poor to pay her traveling expenses. Such
stories are certainly rather painful. Why is it
that English royalties are always posing be-
fore the world as beggars and paupers? Why
is it that Queen Victoria, with her enormous
private fortune, is unable to present her
daughter with £1,000 or so to buy her railway
tickets and pay her traveling expenses? The
hands selected for her daughters are always
and invariably penniless, and, finally, how
does it happen in this particular case, that
Princess Christian, who receives \$4,000 a year
from the nation as interest on a life of
dowry, and \$500 per annum in salary, an ex-
cellent fee house and other perquisites, can-
not afford to take his wife abroad. No won-
der poor Princess Christian suffers from at-
tacks of melancholia when she reflects on the
meanness of her nearest and dearest.

KING ALFONSO of Spain, it now appears, in-
sured his life heavily in American insurance
offices. In an age like this, when crowns, if
not crowned heads, topple over like cheap
chessmen, it was a judicious policy for the
poor, delicate young King to secure for his
children something a little more certain than
his royal inheritance.

NEW YEAR'S cards were sent out by the Irish
Nationalists bearing the following new version
of the Scriptures: "1886. Blessed be the Lord
God of Ireland, for He hath visited and in part
redeemed His remnant of a people."

MR. PARTI has been presented in Vienna on
the stage with a Christiana are, the branches
of which were interlaced with a golden chain,
every link of which bears in diamond roses the
title of some opera in which the great prima
donnas had been the heroine.

THAT sensitive and somewhat touchy nation,
the French, are again working up a storm in
their journalistic tea cups against their British
neighbors. Fursly for self-protection the
British have constructed some small forts on
the Ezerbos Islands, situated about sixteen
miles east of Jersey, just beyond the limits of
French waters and within half a cannon shot
of the coast. The Figaro and Intransigent
both pretend to believe that in constructing
these forts the English government is in
violation of peace, providing means for the landing
of a British army in France for the aimable
purpose of seizing Cherbourg. These
alarmists seem to have completely overlooked
the existence of that insignificant spot, Alder-
ney, which, heavily fortified, and within half
an hour's steam of Cape la Hague, threatens

Cherbourg, if Cherbourg is to be threatened,
ten thousand times more than a whole legion
of fortresses on the Ezerbos rocks could do.

THE wife of George Augustus Sala is dead.
A dearly loved wife in any case, perhaps
the most terrible, and in many cases irrepar-
able, loss that can befall a man; but Mr. Sala's
loss is of a deeper nature than ordinary. Mrs.
Sala was her husband's right hand. Not only
was she his counsellor, guide and friend in all
the details of ordinary life, but she arranged,
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THE wife of George Augustus Sala is dead.
A dearly loved wife in any case, perhaps
the most terrible, and in many cases irrepar-
able, loss that can befall a man; but Mr. Sala's
loss is of a deeper nature than ordinary. Mrs.
Sala was her husband's right hand. Not only
was she his counsellor, guide and friend in all
the details of ordinary life, but she arranged,
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LONDON is in trouble, inasmuch as she has
been unexpectedly presented by the Clerk of
the Weather with a white cloak. Possibly that
individual thought her dirt needed hiding, or
perhaps he did it out of malice prepense. At
all events it was done. A single fall of snow
does not strike the average American citizen
as an absolutely novel and marvellous event,
but in this case it has utterly paralyzed in all
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A small select body of English gentlemen
propose to arm themselves and suppress dis-
loyalty in Ireland. This is encouraging, as
showing that English humor is not yet de-
clining.

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THE ALLEGED LOAN OF THE GO
FOR ROAD BUILDING DE

NEW YORK, January 23.—The Pe
correspondent of the Sun, and
December 1, writes as follows:
widely published in America and
the Chinese Government has rece
ated a loan for \$40,000,000 from Eng
ists, to be used for internal imp
and that it had entered into an agr
a Manchester firm of contractors
struction of certain lines of rail
as your correspondent can learn

paper on either continent seem to doubt the truth of these statements. The London Times has given them credit, yet they are absolutely without foundation. No such loan has been made or authorized. No such contract has been authorized or entered into. It is time, however, that the effect of railroads and other improvements connected with commerce and the progress of the country is receiving careful consideration by the Imperial Government.

be understood that it does not
matters directly. Its operations
them are done by Imperial comm
A Hung Chang, Viceroy of the
Chihli, Senior Grand Secretary of S
intendent of Trade for the Northern
Tutor to the Emperor, and
death of Tso Tung Tang, the hero
ah campaign, he is incontestably
most highly respected and most po
the empire. Like his friend,
Tang, he claims to be "only a poor

...s," but he is at the same time a soldier and the first statesman of the leader of the party of pro-memorials submitted by him to the government in 1881 and the "words" of Tso Tung Tang, whose offices have but just closed, leave us to the fact that the uses and value of railroads are fully understood in the minds of China. It is that the Empress dowager, the seventh prince, the father and grandfather of the young Emperor, who will reach his majority within two years, are strongly in

primary construction of a system primarily designed for the nation and that they will do all they can in accordance with their system of government to note that end. But, notwithstanding that these powerful men, public as not by any means unanimously, are here, as elsewhere, in questions connected with the subway, the means and the Imperial Revenue, it is understood, is divided to it. In addition, the Board, which seems to have the right to opinion unasked upon all public affairs, is exceedingly conservative.

and, it is now known, opposes the
of railroads—at least for the pres
it is not probable that they can
plans of the Empress Dowager,
Prince and the Viceroy Li, they
enough, backed as they certainly
national tendency of the Chinese p
well enough alone." To induce the
having the railroad question unde
tion to proceed deliberat
with great circumspection; b
the best opinion is that they
practical operations at an
and that a line from this city to

the head of steamship navigation" and thence to Chin Kiang on the Kiang, with a branch line from Taku at the mouth of the Yellow River to the Peking. The 1,800 miles will be the first railroad, much as no loans or contracts had been made and the Chinese authorities had met no less serious trouble in negotiations with the European powers. I am certain that the engineers, manual laborers, and bankers of the United States have a chance to secure employment for their experience, and capital, in connection with the construction of railroads in China and those of any other country.

Col. Denby, the new American, arrived here and has produced a favorable impression upon all, whether native, with whom he has come in accordance with custom he engaged the American missionaries, so number, at his house on Thakha and in addition to making this felicitous address, gave them a friendly American welcome. No doubt that Col. Denby is keenly aware of the importance of railroad and other improvements in this country, and his power to secure for his country.

their share of all business concerning their construction, equipment and in this he will doubtless be efficient by the powerful American House & Co. and perhaps by others on the spot. To subsequent letters we will endeavor to send the readers of the Sun a brief account of the Chinese Government's best attainable sources, a description of the commercial resources of China, and of its form of government and administration. We will also mention the name of Li Hung Chang, the person upon whom so much depends, and much is expected in the near future.

OUR NEIGHBORS.

Items of Interest and Gossip from
adjacent Towns.

Shelbyville, Ill., January 22.
Hibbard returned Tuesday from
visit at Austin, Tex.—Col. D.
Bloomington has been in town for
—Rev Garis was in Pana Monday.
S. W. Moulton is attending court.
Mrs. L. S. Baldwin visited.

ately. — Nellie Pierce of Todd
the guest of Miss Rose Fraser.
Sidney Lantz has returned from
— Edgar Leach made a quick trip
Wednesday. — Miss Mina Hannan
ing a month with her sister, Mrs.
ado, at Fort Scott, Kan. — Hen
Charleston was over to see friend
— Miss Staples of the public
called to the bedside of h
as Florida, Tuesday. — Miss M
ers has gone to Mt. Ayr.
number of young people fro
were present at the play of "Haze

The Lottie Blair Dramatic Company has been here for some time. — Miss Ada Webster was at the South's. — Wednesday Evening Club this week. — E. K. South of Terre Haute spent the day here. — Shelbyville. — Miss Cora Lantz was here. — Charleston friends. — Miss Clara Taylor Hill is sojourning with her mother. — W. C. Kelley. — Edith Cook is at home. — Sister, Mrs. Joseph Murphy, at home. — Lewis Baum and wife of Assen are here. — Stayed with Wm. Baum. — Watchman is visiting her parents. — Al Allen was over to Mattoon.

business.—Will Kleeman of
swopped to see the Kleemans a
—This on occasions have been
three Methodist who are holding
Old and young turn out nightly
in the coasting. Brewster
Kleeman, Shelbyville, Ky. was
visiting his brothers at W. Va.
Water-works Company has let
contracts.—The protracted m
Presbyterian Church, under the
Rev. Carleton, closes to night.—
Christian Temperance Union was
the Methodist Church Saturday
Mrs. T. L. Catherwood, Presidant

Secretary; Mrs. G. D. C. ...
 ... and Mrs. Pott. Mrs. Lloyd,
 Mrs. Bland, and Mrs. Dounie
 ...

Centralia, Mo., January 21.—
who has been attending school
returned home this week owing
Mrs. F. Kahn has returned fr
her sister in Columbia, Mo.
has gone to Texas to be absent
May. Mr. Chapman of Colum
delivered several able discourses
Church, South, the presen
Mrs. J. G. Sate of Colum
is the guest of her daughter
— Charles Willis and

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Admission 50c
Dance and Stock Lottery.